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POLICE MEDIA ADVISORY

Date: 7/17/2021
To: San Diego Media
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Subject: Tip from Concerned Citizen Leads to the Arrest of three Burglary Suspects

Message: FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On Friday, July 16, 2021, a concerned citizen notified the Chula Vista Police Department regarding a suspicious vehicle (maroon Infinity sedan) parked in front of a residence located on the 1500 block of Yanonali Avenue in Chula Vista. The citizen believed several subjects were breaking into a residence and directed officers to their location. When officers arrived on scene, they detained three subjects who were attempting to flee from the residence.

Once detained, officers recognized the suspects matched the description of a robbery that took place earlier in the week. On Wednesday, July 14th, 2021 a juvenile victim was robbed of his backpack while walking near Otay Ranch High School. The juvenile victim had been followed by several subjects in a maroon Infinity sedan. A short time later, he was approached by the suspects from the vehicle who demanded his backpack. The victim feared for his safety and gave the suspects his backpack. The victim was uninjured.

Approximately \$60,000 of the homeowner's property was missing from the residence to include televisions, clothing, jewelry, and other miscellaneous items. This property remains missing and investigators are still attempting to recover it. It is believed the suspects took these items earlier from the residence and came back to steal additional property when located by officers.

During the investigation officers determined the suspects were responsible for the robbery of the juvenile's backpack and were able to return the stolen property to the victim. The suspects, Lavell Moore (18-years-old), Deaveon Bates (18-years-old), were later booked into the San Diego County Jail on the charges of residential burglary and robbery. Suspect Emma Mcelroy (18-years-old) was later booked into Las Colinas Detention Center on the charge of residential burglary.

This case highlights the great partnership the Chula Vista Police Department has with the citizens in the Chula Vista community. With the assistance of a concerned citizen, officers were able to return the stolen property to a robbery victim and arrest three burglary suspects.

The case is under investigation by the Chula Vista Police Property Crimes Unit. Anyone who may have any information regarding this incident is asked to please contact the Chula Vista Police Department at 619-691-5151 or San Diego County Crime Stoppers at 888-580-8477.

For any questions, media are asked to direct all future inquiries to PIO Lieutenant Dan Peak @ 619-585-5610.

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